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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY' S NOTE
OUTLINING A PROGRAM TO EXPEND \$1 MILLION FOR EDUCATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. (UNNECESSARY LANGUAGE OMITTED .)

BEGIN TEXT

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WITH REFERENCE TO
CLAUSE 4 OF THE AZORES ACCORD WHICH FORESEES A GRANT BY
THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION
DOLLARS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN THE EDUCATION
FIELD, AT THE OPTION OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, HAS
THE HONOR OF INFORMING YOU OF THE PROGRAM PROPOSED BY
THE PROPER AUTHORITIES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF THE GRANT
IN QUESTION.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT HAS IN VIEW THE EXECUTION OF
OBJECTIVES OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) PREPARATION OF TEACHERS IN THE EDUCATION FIELD;
- 2) ACQUISITION OF AUDIO- VISUAL SYSTEMS FOR THE STUDY
OF NEW TEACHING METHODS;
- 3) EQUIPPING THE NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE
WITH BIBLIOGRAPHIC MATERIALS.

IT WOULD BECOME POSSIBLE, IN THIS WAY, TO TRAIN
TEACHERS AND RESEARCHERS IN THE EDUCATION FIELD BOTH
FOR HIGHER NORMAL SCHOOLS AND FOR EDUCATION INSTITUTES
AT UNIVERSITIES.

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IN EFFECT, WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH A): " TEACHER TRAINING", THE INTENTION WOULD BE TO TRAIN APPROXIMATELY 21 TEACHERS THROUGH THEIR EARNING APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC DEGREES AT THE TEACHERS COLLEGE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK. EXECUTION OF THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM WOULD INVOLVE:

- A) THE HOLDING OF A SEMINAR IN PORTUGAL ON PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION DURING THE 1973 EASTER PERIOD WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY;
- B) THE SELECTION OF 21 CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF " MASTER OF EDUCATION" WHO WILL BEGIN THEIR STUDIES DURING THE 1973- 74 SCHOOL YEAR; AND
- C) THE ATTENDANCE BY THE SELECTED CANDIDATES AT AN INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS OF 1973 AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. (FOLLOWING WORDS UNINTENTIONALLY OMITTED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE, ACCORDING TO SOURCE AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION: " SOME OF THEM -- AROUND FIVE -- WILL STAY") UNTIL OBTAINING A DOCTOR'S DEGREE.

IF THIS PLAN IS ADOPTED, THE PUBLICATION OF A BOOK CONTAINING THE THESES OF THE CANDIDATES IS EXPECTED. PROFESSOR GEORGE Z. F. BEREDAY, OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WOULD OVERSEE THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTIVITIES.

RELATIVE TO PARAGRAPH 2) INDICATED ABOVE AS " ACQUISITION OF TEACHING MATERIALS", IT IS PROPOSED THAT NINE VIDEO- TAPE SYSTEMS BE ACQUIRED SO THAT EACH ONE OF THE HIGHER NORMAL SCHOOLS MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH ONE OF THESE SYSTEMS FOR " FEED- BACK ANALYSIS."

FINALLY, AS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 3): " ACQUISITION OF BIBLIOGRAPHY", THE REMAINING PART OF THE MILLION DOLLAR GRANT WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A SPECIALIZED LIBRARY IN THE EDUCATION FIELD.

SUCH A LIBRARY, SELECTED IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION, WOULD BE HOUSED IN THE NATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS KINDLY ASKS THE EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES THE PROGRAM PROPOSED ABOVE - WHICH WAS WORKED OUT, IN PRINCIPLE, DURING THE VISIT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF

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HIGHER EDUCATION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - AND

TO INFORM THE MINISTRY, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, IF THE
PROGRAM MERITS THE APPROVAL OF THOSE AUTHORITIES.
END TEXT

2. IN NOTE ACKNOWLEDGING GOP NOTE, EMBASSY MADE THE
FOLLOWING OBSERVATION:

BEGIN TEXT

THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT TEACHERS COLLEGE OF
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND PROFESSOR GEORGE
Z. F. BEREDAY ARE SPECIFIED IN THE NOTE AS ILLUSTRATIVE
OF THE QUALITY DESIRED BY THE MINISTRY FOR THE EXECUTION
OF THE TEACHER- TRAINING PORTION OF THE PROJECT AND THAT
THE FINAL DECISION WITH RESPECT TO INSTITUTIONS AND
SCHOLARS WILL BE TAKEN AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATION
BETWEEN COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

END TEXT

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